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by "Benjamin D. Hall" <kd5byb@WT.NET>
- 3) Re: AR88LF-The ultimate boatanchor  
by kg6yv@mindspring.com

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Tek-e-philes;

One of my very few virtues is I don't like to own equipment without their relevant documentation, a. k. a. manuals. This morning I dragged my 7613 storage 'scope onto the bench to make some low repetition rate signal measurements with its 7A13 differential amplifier. Power on, no go. The 7A13's got a problem. Ya know the kind, they just break from not being used, mebbe from loneliness. So's I dive into my box of Tek manuals and come up empty handed. "How could I?", I beseeched myself. This has never happened before, I ALWAYS get a manual for my test equipment goodies by whatever it takes. Is it old age? Manual dementia? Well, chagrined as I am, my plea has to go out: Does anyone have a 7A13 manual they want to sell to a good home, or make a copy of same? Now watch my mailbox overfill..heh, heh. Thanks in advance for at least looking. 73 to all.

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Greetings all...

Well, even though I'm trying to whittle down the amount of BA's in my new, smaller apartment, another RME-45 has found itself a home here. (will be taking some stuff to the Austin Summerfest, don't know exactly what yet, though)

The interesting thing about this one is that not only does it have the original manual, but it has the original sales slip in the back of the manual!

On 7/11/1946, Oline Tays went into RadioLab, 1612 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, MO, and paid cash for 1 RME-45 with speaker. He paid \$189.72 for the unit with speaker. An interesting sidebar is that the tax was only \$3.72, a sales tax of only 2%...

Anyone here ever been to that RadioLab back then? I'd love to hear stories about the store where this RME-45 was purchased... BTW - anyone have a callbook for 1946 that may show an Oline Tays? I wonder if he or she was a ham...

Thanks and 73,  
Ben

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"An ye harm none, do what ye will."

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Whether fact or legend I found an article from a UK Ham mag. in the 50s on the AR-88. According to the article RCA's contract with the war dept. included a stipulation that when the war was over no AR-88s were to be allowed back into the US for surplus resale. Most units went to the UK and commonwealth military as well as the USSR under "lend-lease" but RCA didn't want them flooding the US market after the war. My AR-88LF is S/N 12535 built in 1943. Its complete with a genuine RCA cabinet which makes it weigh in just a tad over 120 lbs...(Oooooooooohhhhhh)

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Subject: Re: AR88LF-The ultimate boatanchor

>Dave Medley wrote:

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> I have seen very little

>> mention of the AR88 on this list. It is a very underrated radio and

>> apparently not too common. Most appear to have been exported to foreign

>> government/military organizations.

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>Dave and The Group,

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> The AR-88 is one of my favorite radios. As you point out, a lot of

>them ended up outside the US. I don't ever remember seeing them in

>surplus adds. I suspect that most of the one's that were in the US

>remained in commercial service until after SSB was well established in

>the ham world. I also suspect hams may have blown them off for lack of

>calibrated bandspread.

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